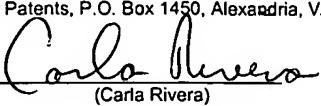


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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2

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